

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1 - 9, 15 - 21, 32, and 33 - 34 are presented for the Examiner's consideration. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.111, reconsideration of the present application in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks is respectfully requested.

The Applicants have amended Figure 3 to include reference numerals that point at previously illustrated structures within the figure. In addition, the Applicants have amended the specification to describe the previously illustrated structures within Figure 3. No new matter is believed to be introduced, since the Applicants are merely describing that which was previously illustrated.

In the final rejection mailed on March 3, 2004, all of the pending claims were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as anticipated by U.S. 4,384,664 issued to Roos. The pending rejection is now moot in view of the Applicants' amendments since the newly claimed structure is not disclosed by Roos.

For the reasons stated above, it is respectfully submitted that pending claims 1 - 9, 15 - 21, 32, and 34 - 35 are in a condition for allowance. Additionally, since the only rejection to independent claims 1 and 15 has been overcome, dependent claims 10 - 14 and 22 to the non-elected species are also believed to be in a condition for allowance. As such, claims 1 - 22, 32, and 34 - 35 are in a condition for allowance and such action is requested by the Applicants. Please charge any prosecutorial fees which are due to Kimberly-Clark Worldwide, Inc. deposit account number 11-0875. The undersigned may be reached at: (920) 721-7760.


Respectfully submitted,

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